

(Waco, Texas) – U.S. Representative Chet Edwards today hailed the unanimous approval of the agreement between the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to build TX121-Chisholm Trail highway from Fort Worth to Cleburne. Edwards represents Johnson County and has worked closely with local, state and federal officials over the past two years to fund the project and move forward on its construction.

*“This is a great day for Cleburne and for the future of Johnson County families and businesses. I can think of few projects in this decade that will be more important to the future of Johnson County than the building of the TX121-Chisholm Trail highway. This vital highway will bring good paying construction jobs and long-term economic development to Johnson County.*

*All of this would not have happened had it not been for an incredible partnership between the state-federal-local, county and regional governments. To all those along the way I may have pestered, cajoled and pleaded with, thank you and congratulations for your good work.*

*In a day of widespread partisanship and political bickering, this project shows how government should work—people of good faith working hard together to improve the lives of our fellow citizens. This is truly what public service should be all about, and I salute all involved for making a positive difference for the families and businesses of Johnson County.”*

In February, Edwards joined TXDOT and Johnson County officials to break ground on the beginning of two projects at U.S. 67 and the future TX 121-Chisholm Trail funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Construction has begun on the projects just east of SH 174 and end at BUS U.S. 67.

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